

PSICC RAC Notes: 05/12/2016

Meeting was facilitated from the Salida Ranger District Office

Persons Attending:

Salida:

Chuck Burton – A	Joe Dorris – C	Erin Connelly – PSICC	Kelly Garcia – PSICC
Jim Fagerstrom – A	Linda Balough – B	Barb Timock – PSICC	Jim Pitts – PSICC
Jody Karr Silaski – SCC	Webb Smith – A	Jim Fiorelli – PSICC	Nick Gerich – PSICC

Designated Federal Official (DFO): Erin Connelly

PSI-RAC Coordinator: Barb Timock

PSI-RAC Chairman: Chuck Burton

Note-Taker: Gregg Goodland – PSICC

VTC:

Fort Collins

Reghan Cloudman ARP

Durango

Jeff Blythe Cat C

Fairplay

Josh Voorhis PSICC

Telephone

Cara Doyle Cat B

Al Tucker Cat C

Randy Meyers Cat B

Called to Order 9:08

Introductions and Housekeeping – Jim Pitts, Salida District Ranger

Opening remarks Erin Connelly / Chuck Burton

Chuck has advised that we will not consider 2016-10 from Park County as there are no RAC funds requested. Josh Voorhis added that the District will seek other funding sources.

Chuck described the project review and recommendation process that will be followed.

Project Reviews

Larimer County

2016-01 and 2016-06

Reghan Cloudman

Both projects existed in prior years. Considered past funding levels when requesting funds for both projects. Clarified that herbicides used are state and USFS approved. Illegal route questions were clarified. NEPA and MVUM have been considered.

Park County

2016-04, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14

Cara Doyle / Josh Voorhis

Projects are not in a priority order.

2016-12 – Is there an opportunity to provide additional areas for OHV use? Partial funding is acceptable. 2016-10 – No RAC funds requested. Will not consider.

2016-04 – Project has some funding. Will take additional funds from RAC. The county Land and Water Trust Fund is being requested to fully fund the project. The County Commissioners will be asked to support the full funding at next week's meeting.

2016-12 – NEPA is not necessary. Gates are seasonal.

2016-13 – All illegal routes in Badger Flats area have NEPA completed. Project will focus on the illegal routes and not the litigation routes.

2016-14 – Jody Karr-Silaski presented. Improvements will make it more accessible for horses. SCC crew costs \$6300 per week. They could adjust weeks as needed. Funding level could be adjusted.

South Park RD suggested that ~70% of requested funding on 11, 12, 13, and 14 is a viable option that could be used to fund all these projects.

Chaffee County

2016-02 and 09

Jim Pitts

2016-02 – NEPA has been completed. Project has received funding from other sources as well.

2016-09 – Total estimated cost. Asking for any available funding. NEPA has not yet been completed. Not anticipating problems with the process.

Lake County 2016-03, 2016-05, 2016-07, 2016-08, 2016-15 Jim Fiorelli / Nick Gerich

2016-08 – Verified that Army Corps of Engineers has been consulted. Jim Fagerstrom offered a letter that delineates cooperation among agencies. NEPA is completed

Leadville RD recommends prioritize in order: 05, 07, 08, 15, 03. District willing to adjust as needed.

2016-15 - Linda Balough suggest there is an organization in Denver that may contribute or offer at a reduced price paint and other materials for this project.

Decisions / Priorities to Recommend to DFO

Chaffee:

1. 2016-02 Fully fund
2. 2016-09 Partially fund to \$18,465.00
Reduced funding will be taken from 2016-09

Lake:

1. 2016-05 Fully fund
2. 2016-07 Fully fund
3. 2016-08 Fully fund
4. 2016-03 Fully fund
5. 2016-15 Partially fund to \$809

Reduced funding in the county will be taken from 2016-15. Additional shortfall will be then reduced from 2016-03 if needed.

Larimer:

1. 2016-06 Fully fund
2. 2016-01 Fully fund

At requested levels, fund 2016-06 at \$12,067. If reduced funding, decrease 2016-06 back to original amount of \$11, 500 and then reduce 2016-01 by the remaining shortfall. 2016-06 will resubmit their proposal to bring its funding request to the \$12,067.

Park:

1. 2016-04 Not funded

The ratio of what money is available should be made available proportionally among the 5 remaining projects. These do not have a priority order.

2. 2016-10 Partially fund proportionately
3. 2016-11 Partially fund proportionately
4. 2016-12 Partially fund proportionately
5. 2016-13 Partially fund proportionately
6. 2016-14 Partially fund proportionately

If 2016-04 is not funded by the other source, the RAC advises the proportionate funding plan be allocated among all 6 projects.

Monitoring / Follow-up

Larimer:

This is 6 years of noxious weeds treatment and the progress is very noticeable. One area of large acreage treatment is nearing complete eradication of undesirable species. Possibly the last year of treatment there.

The trail crew is still working on flood damaged trails and are beginning the reconstruction on a completely obliterated trail.

Lake:

Crews have completed the Mt. Bump trail this week and will soon be installing new signs.

The contract to restripe and install new wheel stops and handicap parking signs will begin in July.

The SCC crews will begin work in July on the Turquoise Lake project.

Park:

Had great partnerships completing the botany surveys.

Little info available from the S. Platte RD on the law enforcement project, but the Bailey project was worked on.

Route closures have been progressing well on illegal roads with lots of post/cable being installed. This project has not included the closures of system roads and trails.

Closing Remarks

Chuck said he has felt that the past 6 years has been very productive. Recognized everyone's commitment.

Erin echoed Chuck's sentiments and thanked all for their participation.

Opportunity for public input was extended. None was offered.

Adjourned at 13:55